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# Land Grant Application- Crockett, Samuel (Cape Elizabeth)

Samuel Crockett

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Portland, Aug 12. 1835

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of June 27. I  
enclose you a copy of the original declaration & of the  
discharge of Samuel Crockett — <sup>in 1782.</sup>

It will show that "he" enlisted to serve  
for as time not less than three years — but owing  
to the disbanding of the Army in '84. did not  
serve the full period of three years — His former  
services however exceed three years in duration —

Resp<sup>t</sup> & yours &c

John Rand

Wm. Worthy Esq<sup>r</sup>

Augustas Me —

Portland. Oct 12. 1835

Sir  
Enclosed is a Certificate from the Secy  
of State of Mass.<sup>s</sup> respecting the Revolutionary services  
of Sam<sup>l</sup> Brackett. From your communication of Aug 19.  
I presume this certificate will complete the evidence  
requisite to procure the allowance of Mr Brackett's  
claim - If so. please inform me what course it will  
be necessary for Mr Brackett to take to procure his  
certificate of title to the lands granted -

Res<sup>t</sup> your obt<sup>s</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wm Mount Esq<sup>r</sup>

John Rand.

Augusta

I sent you some time since the declaration of  
Huldah Arkline: - was it received. - and is it suf-  
ficient? - please inform  
Yrs J. Rand.

Portland, Dec 26. 1835.

Sir  
By forwarding my Certificate to John Rand Esq.  
Portland, you will oblige me. With thanks for your  
services. I am Mr Medin's servant

Samuel Crockett

Wm Mount Jr Esq

(Samuel Crockett)

Augusta (Me.)

I noticed an advertisement of the Land Agent, offering to  
make selections of lands for all obtaining certificates, who shall  
give him a written authority for that purpose previous to Jan 1.  
1836. Can Mr Crockett avail himself of that arrangement. - or  
has all the Land been taken up?

Respyr Sir is

John Rand -

W. Mount Jr Esq

Sent certificate as requested per mail  
Dec. 28. 1835. -



Samuel Crockett

Jan'y 29, 1836. Selected  
 Lot No 68 in No 2 D.P.  
 by Isaac Smith &

conveyed same day  
 to said Crockett—

Deed sent by mail to  
 Isaac Smith in Portland  
 by his direction.

*C. Frost*

WILLIAM H. HARRIS

STATE OF MAINE.

N<sup>o</sup> 218.

LAND OFFICE,  
Augusta, Oct. 29. <sup>th</sup> 1835.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Samuel Crockett*  
of *Cape Elizabeth* in the County of *Cumberland*  
by declaration sworn to on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June last,  
(See claim N<sup>o</sup> 299.)

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved his claim  
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers  
of the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and  
soldiers," approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "the lawful  
holder" of this certificate is entitled, under said Resolve, to TWO

HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

*Wm. H. H. H.* Land Agent of Maine.

Examined & countersigned,  
*Wm. Mearns*

Recd the certificate within mentioned  
Dec 28 1835 Wm Wentz & atty,

Know all Men by these presents. That S. Samuel Crockett of Cambridge in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, do hereby constitute and appoint William Grant Jr. of Augusta, my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to receive from the Land Agents of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolue of the said State, passed March 17. 1835, entitled a "Resolue in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased officers and soldiers", to the benefit of which Resolue I am entitled. And my said attorney is hereby authorized and empowered; upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor as I might, were I personally present.

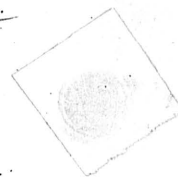
Attest my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of December, A.D. 1835.

Signed, sealed, and delivered  
in presence of

Daniel Skillin

John Rand

Samuel Crockett



State of Maine —

Cumberland Co. Portland, Dec 26. 1835. Personally appeared Samuel Crockett, above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of attorney by him signed, to be his free act and deed.

Witness me.

John Rand, Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1835.

I hereby Certify, That, from an examination of the Books and Documents, relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the name of Sam<sup>l</sup>. Crocket, as a private, is borne on a pay-roll of Capt. Joshua Jordan's Company, in Col. Jon<sup>n</sup>. Mitchell's Regt. where he is allowed from July 7<sup>th</sup> to Sept<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1779, two months and twenty days. 2-20

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Crocket's name is borne on a pay-roll of Capt. Isaac Parsons' Company, in Col. Primus' Regt. where he is allowed from May 7<sup>th</sup> to Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1780. six months and eleven days. 6-11

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Crocket's name is borne on a pay-roll of Capt. John Reed's Company, in Col. Sam<sup>l</sup>. McColb's Regt. where he is allowed from Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1781, two months and twenty two days. 2-22

Edward D. Bangs Secy 11-23



Know all men by these presents, that I, Samuel Crockett  
of Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland, and State of  
Maine, do hereby constitute and appoint Israel Smitt Junr.  
of Cape Elizabeth, my true, sufficient, and lawful attorney,  
for me, and in my name, and for my use, to sell and  
convey for a valuable consideration a certificate entitling me  
to the benefit of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and  
soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the widows of de-  
ceased officers and soldiers". passed March 17. A.D. 1835. by  
the Legislature of the State of Maine: - which certificate  
was issued to me by John Hodgdon, Land Agent of the  
State of Maine, dated October 29. 1835. and numbered  
218.:- and I hereby grant to my said attorney full power to  
execute and deliver all needful instruments & papers for  
conveying the same, and to perform all necessary acts for the  
execution of the authority hereby given, as fully as I might,  
were I personally present: hereby confirming whatever he  
may do by virtue of these presents -

Provided however, that the said Israel Smitt Junr. shall  
not be authorized to dispose of the above mentioned certificate  
for a less sum, or upon less favorable terms, than he shall  
obtain for a similar certificate belonging to his father Israel  
Smitt, & which he has been authorized to dispose of

Witness my hand & seal the twenty seventh day of  
January A.D. 1836.

Signed, sealed, & delivered  
in presence of  
John Rand.

Samuel Crockett

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Sam. Crockett's  
Application for land,

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Rec<sup>d</sup>. June 27, 1835,

Admitted, and  
certificate No. 218, J<sup>r</sup>.  
Oct. 29, 1835, —

J<sup>r</sup>. Rand Esq  
Portland Me

I. Nathaniel Cash. of Cape Elizabeth in the County of  
Humboldt. and State of Maine. age seventy-three years.  
on oath declare. that in June or July 1779. I enlisted  
with Mr Samuel Crocker. as a private in Capt Joshua  
Jordan's company raised in Cape Elizabeth. for the term  
of two months. for the Penobscot Expedition under Brigadier  
General Madsen: - Nathaniel Jordan was our Lieutenant  
Colonel: - I do not recollect our Colonel's name: - Gen-  
eral Lovell was also one of the General officers - Im-  
mediately after our enlistment. we sailed in the transport  
from Portland. and arrived at Penobscot: and after our  
defeat we returned by land to Spring Point Battery in  
Cape Elizabeth. where we served out the remainder of  
our time - I was then. and have ever since  
been well acquainted with Samuel Crocker. and know  
of his serving the period of two months above mentioned.  
having always been one of his nearest neighbors -

The next season after. Samuel Crocker enlisted again. at  
near to St. Georges River. where he served about eight  
months: I was not with him. but well know of his  
going and staying during that period. belonging to Lieut.  
Roberts's company. who was also from Cape Elizabeth -

I also well know that Samuel Crocker enlisted in Cape  
Elizabeth in 1782 for the term of three years -

Nathl Cash

Sworn to this 6th day of June 1835

Before me John Rand. Just Peace for

Humboldt County



J. Samuel Crockett of Cape-Elizabeth in the  
County of Cumberland and State of Maine, aged seven-  
ty three years. do upon oath declare in order to obtain  
the benefit of a Pardon of the Legislature of Maine,  
passed March 17. 1835. entitled a "Resolve in favor of  
certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and  
the widows of the deceased officers and soldiers" that  
I enlisted in June or July 1779. at Cape-Elizabeth  
for the period of two months, as a private in Capt  
Joshua Jordan's company. - Nathaniel Jordan was our  
Lieut Colonel - I do not recollect our Colonel's name:  
immediately after my enlistment I sailed from Portland  
upon the Raccoon expedition under Brigadier General  
Wadsworth - General Lovell was also one of the gen-  
eral officers: after our defeat I returned to Spring  
Point Battery in Cape Elizabeth, where I served out  
the remainder of my time -

I enlisted again in the Spring of 1780. at Cape-Eliza-  
beth for the period of eight months, as a private  
in Capt Parsons' and Lieut Roberts' company. - I do  
not recollect our Colonel's name: - I soon after  
my enlistment, went to St. George, where I served out  
my time, under Genl Wadsworth -

I enlisted again in the Spring of 1781. at Cape-Elizabeth  
for the period of eight months, as a private in Capt.  
Reed's company, and served the whole time at Port-  
land. I was discharged the last of November or first of  
December: I do not recollect whether Colonel Mitchell  
commanded at Portland, in that year, or not -

I again enlisted in the Spring of 1782. at Cape-  
Elizabeth for the period of three years, as a private:  
I was attached to Capt Storer's company in the 8th Regiment  
commanded by Lt. Michael Jackson, General Patterson's Brig-  
ade, Massachusetts line: - and was discharged June 30. 1784.  
at Springfield on Connecticut River, at that time belonging to

the company commanded by Capt Williams -

I do further in oath declare that at the time of each of my said enlistments I was an inhabitant of Cape Elizabeth aforesaid and was on the 17th day of March 1835. have been ever since and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine residing in Cape Elizabeth aforesaid, which has always been my place of residence. That neither I nor any one claiming under me has ever received a grant of land or money in recompense thereof from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for my said service or any other services during the Revolutionary war and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve

Samuel Crockett

State of Maine

Lumberton Co. Subscribed and sworn to this  
Twenty second day of June A.D. 1835

Before me

John Rand. Justice of the Peace

betto. for this period of <sup>time</sup> in Capt Parsons' and Lieut Roberts' company. - I do not recollect our Colonel's name: - I soon after my enlistment went to St. George, where I served out my time under Gen. Wadsworth - I enlisted again in the Spring of 1781. at Cape-Elizabeth for this period of eight months. as a private in Capt. Reed's company. and served the whole time at Port. I was discharged the last of November or first of ~~the~~ I do not recollect whether Colonel Mitchell

Cape Eliz<sup>d</sup> of 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1792

This may Certify that M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Crocket was one of the men that went out into the Continental Army for the aforesaid Town in the year one thousand <sup>Seven Hundred</sup> eighty two as one of the D Towns Luto for three years

James Leach } Select men  
Barzillai Delano } of D Town

Mr. Rand. Esq.,

June 27, 1835,

Recd & answered,

June 27, 1835,

Portland. June 26. 1835.

Mr Pursuant to the Notice published by the Land Agent. I enclose you the papers necessary to enable Samuel Crockett to obtain the benefit of the Resolves of March 17. 1835 -

John Murphy Esq informs me. that from his minutes. it appears that he received Samuel Crockett's honorable discharge from the Revolutionary Army - that his term of enlistment was three years - that he made out his declarations under the Act of Congress of 1818. allowing pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers. and forwarded the same together with the discharge to the Secretary of War. June 10. 1818 - where the discharge is now on file.

Should any papers relative to the honorable discharge be necessary. - or any further documents to make out Mr Crockett's claims to the benefit of the Resolves. upon your informing me. I will endeavor to furnish them -

Please make any communicating upon the subject to Your obedient

John Rand

Wm. McQuest Jr Esq

Augusta - Maine



I Samuel Crockett of Cape Elizabeth of lawful age testify  
 & say that I was well acquainted with Samuel Winstot late of  
 Cape Elizabeth, in the County of Cumberland & State of Maine,  
 we were bro't up, from childhood, near neighbours. At the  
 commencement of the revolutionary war, said Winstot enlisted  
 as a soldier, in Capt. George Smith's company of Cape Elizabeth.  
 He enlisted in the first three years service, & I believe in  
 a. d. <sup>1775 or</sup> 1776, but I cannot now recollect what time of the year,  
 nor which year it was, but I believe it was late in the fall  
 of 1775. I was present when Capt. Smith marched with his  
 recruits. He had the best part of a company, probably  
 forty or fifty men. As to his term of service, all I can say  
 is that he enlisted, & marched as above stated, was absent  
 about three years, & returned home, & always said that he  
 had served his term out, & was regularly discharged, &  
 that statement was never contradicted by any one, & finally  
 it to be true. He then remained at home till the winter of  
 1782 & then he enlisted for three years again. Some time in  
 the Spring of 1782, I also enlisted, & Winstot, myself, Joshua Elder,  
 — Sawyer, — Williams, & Jacob Brown <sup>together</sup> all marched.  
 We went from Cape Elizabeth to Boston & there joined a  
 company, & then marched to West Point & there joined the  
 army. These recruits were sent on to fill up vacancies. I  
 was put into Capt. Stoy's company, in Col. Michael Jackson's  
 regiment, the 8th. in Gen. Patterson's brigade. I do not now  
 recollect to what vacancies Winstot & the other recruits were  
 turned over. Myself & Winstot remained at & about  
 West Point, till January 1784. Some time in January 1784,  
 I was detached & sent to Springfield, Mass. with about sixty  
 others, under command of Capt. Williams. Winstot was dis-  
 charged in January soon after I left West Point, at West Point,  
 with the other troops. Shortly after I arrived at Springfield,  
 Winstot came along on his way home & called on me & said  
 he was discharged, & proceeded home. I always understood that  
 he was regularly discharged, & it has never been disputed to my  
 knowledge. I remained at Springfield, & was discharged in June  
 1784, with the others. When I got home to Cape Elizabeth, I found  
 Winstot here. We continued to live neighbours untill his death,  
 which was probably about thirty years ago. He married before  
 his first enlistment to Nancy Crocker of North Yarmouth, & they  
 lived together, near neighbors to me, till his death & brought up  
 a large family.

Cumberland ss. July 22, 1835 Personally  
 appeared Samuel Crockett & made oath to the truth of the above deposition by him signed  
 before me

Samuel Crockett  
 Jonathan Morgan, Just. Peace.

I hereby Certify, that the accompanying page<sup>s</sup> numbered from 1 to 2, inclusive are truly copied from the original<sup>s</sup> in the Pension Office.

J. L. Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions.

Be it Remembered, that JAMES L. EDWARDS, who has signed the foregoing certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions; and that to his attestations full faith and credit are and ought to be given. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Department to be affixed, on this            day of            in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty=

C. A. Harris,  
atg. Secretary of War.

I. Samuel Crockett of Cape Elizabeth  
in the County of Cumberland and Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, being duly sworn do depose  
and say that I was born in said Cape Elizabeth  
and am aged Fifty Seven years: that I enlisted  
as a private into the Continental service on the  
first day of June A.D. One Thousand seven  
hundred and eighty two, to serve for the period  
of three years: that immediately after my  
enlistment I marched and at West Point in  
the State of New York about the middle of  
said June, joined Capt. Storers Company  
in the eighth Massachusetts Regiment, Com-  
manded by Col. Michael Jackson: that  
I remained in said service from said 1st  
day of June 1782 until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1784  
when I was honorably discharged. I further  
say that I am the identical Samuel Crockett  
named and described in the discharge here-  
unto annexed, given in the State of New York  
and dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1784, that I  
am in low circumstances in life and am  
in need of assistance from my Country  
for support: that I do not receive, on account  
of any disability received while in said service  
any pension, nor am I entitled to receive any  
pension whatever from the United States except by  
virtue of the Act of Congress entitled an Act to pro-  
vide for certain persons engaged in the land  
and naval service of the United States in the  
Revolutionary war, passed the eighteenth  
day of March A.D. eighteen hundred and  
eighteen.

Sign<sup>d</sup>

Samuel Crockett

(Over)



District of Maine. Subscribed and sworn  
to in my presence this twenty eighth day  
of April A.D. One thousand eight hun-  
-dred and eighteen.

(Sgn<sup>d</sup>) Albion H. Parris 3  
Judge &c 3

[Copy of Discharge.]

Samuel Crockett. Private in the  
American Regiment, being enlisted  
for Three Years, is hereby honourably dis-  
-charged from the Service of the  
United States.

Given ~~under my~~ in the State of New York  
the 30th day of June 1784  
(Sgn<sup>d</sup>) M Jackson B Genl.

By the General's Command  
(Sgn<sup>d</sup>) C Selden Capt & et  
Registered in the Books of the Regiment  
C Selden Adjutant